National Afforestation Programme in A.P.

671. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of National Afforestation Programme implemented in the State of Andhra Pradesh in the last five years, year-wise;

(b) the details of Forest Development Agencies projects approved for Andhra Pradesh in the last five years, year-wise, and the allocation made for the same, year-wise; and

(c) the increase and forest cover in the State in view of the above efforts in the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY) : (a) and (b) The National Afforestation Programme is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme being implemented by the Ministry of Environment and Forests for regeneration and eco-development of degraded forests and adjoining areas in all States including Andhra Pradesh through a two-tier decentralized setup of Forest Development Agency (FDA) at the Forest Division level and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) at the village level. As on 30.09.2008, 37 FDA projects in Andhra Pradesh have been approved and project assistance provided as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

Sl.No.	Year	No. of FDAs assisted	Amount released
1.	2004-05	25	14.21
2.	2005-06	13	7.08
3.	2006-07	21	11.06
4.	2007-08	24	9.97
5.	2008-09	04*	2.33*

* Position as on 30.09.2008

(c) Assessment of forest cover specifically due to the efforts under the National Afforestation Programme has not been undertaken by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India.

Recyclable wastes from US and UK

672. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India permitted imports of 9,00,000 tonnes of recyclable wastes from US and UK during 2006-2007;

(b) whether unsorted paper waste imported as recyclable waste has been found to yield only 10 to 15 per cent as reclaimed and re-usable and the rest pure garbage;

(c) whether under the garb of charity, large volume of computer hardware is imported which are e-waste sent to India for reclamation; and

(d) the steps that are being taken to check these clandestine imports of recyclable wastes into India?